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SUBJECT: PREPARATIONS FOR MONEX

REF: GREENFIELD-TSCHAFER LETTER OF JUNE 2, 1978

1. WE HAVE ASKED IMD (RAMAN) FOR INFORMATION ON THE STATUS OF GOI-WMO DRAFT AGREEMENT ON MONEX. HE HAS NOT YET BEEN ABLE TO GIVE US ANY DETAILED INFORMATION, BUT IN GENERAL PREPARATIONS FOR MONEX, INCLUDING THE NECESSARY AGREEMENTS, SEEM TO BE PROGRESSING QUITE WELL. RAMAN IS GATHERING THE INFORMATION HE NEEDS IN A VERY SYSTEMATIC WAY AND IS ALREADY IN TOUCH WITH THE OTHER GOI AGENCIES CONCERNED. WE HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH HIM ON THIS, AND AT HIS REQUEST HAVE PROVIDED HIM WITH A LETTER GIVING THE APPROXIMATE BUDGET FOR US RUPEE FUND FOR MONEX AS RELAYED TO US IN STATE 135139.

2. IF NSF AND USMPO DO NOT YET HAVE THE DATA THEY NEED TO NEGOTIATE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE GOI ON US MONEX PARTICIPATION, THAT WOULD BE A STRONG ARGUMENT FOR POSTPONING THE MEETING BETWEEN US AND GOI NEGOTIATORS, AS SUGGESTED IN REF LETTER. HOWEVER, IF IT IS AT ALL POSSIBLE TO PUT TOGETHER THE REQUESTED INFORMATION, WE BELIEVE THAT NEGOTIATING MEETING SHOULD BE HELD AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. REALISTICALLY, ANY AGREEMENT THAT WAS REACHED BETWEEN GOI-US TEAMS WOULD BE PROBABLY HAVE TO BE REFERRED FOR UNCLASSIFIED

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FINAL SIGNATURE TO HIGHER AUTHORITIES EVEN AFTER A NEGOTIATING SESSION HAD BEEN HELD. THIS TAKES TIME, AND THAT TIME WOULD BE LENGTHENED IF ANY UNANTICIPATED PROBLEMS DEVELOPED AT THE NEGOTIATING MEETING. IF NSF IS CONCERNED ABOUT HAVING GOI/WMO AGREEMENT SIGNED FIRST, WE BELIEVE THAT THIS COULD BE TAKEN CARE OF BY REACHING AGREEMENT AND THEN DELAYING SIGNATURE UNTIL WHO AGREEMENT HAVE BEEN FINALIZED.

BY THE SAME TOKEN WHILE MRS. SCHAFER WOULD BE DELIGHTED TO ASSIST THE NEGOTIATING TEAM IN ANY WAY POSSIBLE, HER ABSENCE ON HOME LEAVE (JUNE 17 TO AUGUST 29) SHOULD NOT IN ITSELF BE A REASON TO POSTPONE A US-INDIA MEETING IF THE US SIDE IS OTHERWISE ADEQUATELY PREPARED. NSF REPRESENTATIVE SUBRAMANIAN AND SCIENCE COUNSELOR DR. VREBALOVICH WILL BE FULLY BRIEFED ON MONEX PROBLEMS AND ABLE TO SUPPORT NSF AT ANY TIME.

3. PLEASE ADVISE US WHEN FINAL DECISION HAVE BEEN MADE ON TIMING OF NEGOTIATING SESSION, AND SEND RELEVANT CORRESPONDENCE. BLOOD

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